

# Monthly Newsletter

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## Ultime notizie

### Il Presidente:

- Monday 9<sup>th</sup> of August, General Meeting at the Harmony German Club

me: i would like to buy a piano  
yamaha: ok  
me: i'd also like to buy a motorcycle lol  
do u know where i can find a good one  
yamaha: ur not gonna believe this

G'Day people, welcome to the last month of winter. I type this whilst touching wood – we seem to be very lucky in the ACT that we have not been overly effected by the current madness around us, although it does make it hard to plan any trip outside the immediate Canberra environs. However, being the glass is half full type of people we are, we continue to plan events in the

hope that some will come off with the likes of the Corinary Rally, S.A. odyssey and the Phil Goldacre run to Khancoban fast approaching.

For those who could not make the short notice event on Saturday 31 Jul, you missed a really good turnout. The background, DOC Italy reached out requesting clubs do a short video uploaded by the 31 Jul (Italy time), and yours truly did not pick it up until Thursday the 29<sup>th</sup>. This saw a number of emails and FB posts and boom, we had about 22 bikes turn up for the shoot, including at least three new riders who will hopefully join our club. Our video is only about six seconds long, but and it will be added to a lot of others to make a collage of DOC club greetings from across the Ducati world. I'm not sure how long before it will be posted but in the meantime Julian (Mr Treas) filmed the event and I am sure he will put up the rather amusing outtakes soon.

I have been presenting for many years but that short six odd seconds was bloody hard to get right, as you will see.



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Khancoban, at the last meeting I informed the club that my intention was to bulk book the Queens Cottage B&B for this year. Well that didn't happen, the Queens Cottage is already booked out by the Snowy Hydro upgrade project. So, it is back to the Alpine Inn. I have bulk booked beds for the club, Ten are already taken by the returning S.A. Odyssey. The club will organise the room allocation and advise the Alpine Inn. That way all you have to do is pay on the day.

Please email me if you want a room, single people should liaise with another member if they want to share a room.

Corinary Rally, I will be asking the Club for a collective decision whether to go ahead with the Oct date or postpone until early Dec or even next year.

See you on Monday, Sarge



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## << VP Dribble #8 >>

As I watch FP3 of the Moto GP, thank f#\$@ing God it's back, I look back on a week that was for me not one to remember but during this week there was a disturbance in the force or even an imbalance in the universe and everything! You see the imbalance was caused by me having to say farewell to the spirited Mutley Ghost. Yes, it's been sold and funny thing is its gone back to very close to where it came from. So I had a short last ride and almost wondered why I was selling it even (and Rod you will appreciate this!) in the RAIN! It was so much fun, but all good things must come to an end and new adventures are to be had.

Now the bike had to travel south of the border to its new home and so after a short search I decided to use Moto Movers to ship the bike to Mexico and may I say Joe from Moto Movers made the whole exercise very easy and his pricing is very reasonable with the bike travelling with two panniers and a decent sized box of bits and pieces, the door to door was 24 hours and \$390.00 and sender and receiver were both happy with the service supplied. So I would highly recommend them, so thanks to Joe. Moto Movers only do Sydney to Melbourne and most of in between so if you need him, he will come.

As for other stuff, it seems that the promise of being filmed appeals to a number of our members, as the attendance atop Mount Ainslie last Saturday was the best I have seen in years and some of our stalwart members were not present. So, after putting on a bit of entertainment for the locals and visitors alike, we managed to get the required 7 seconds of video to fill the request of the DOC hierarchy. So please everyone put your hands together for Julian for getting this together at such short notice. Oh hang on, hold the applause, I just remembered he forgot the new Club banner, all your good work undone there Julian. But seriously, thanks to all involved and thanks to those that dug out their bikes, rode up the hill and made an impression and helped put our club on the map, I think we all had fun.

In finishing, as you would all know by now, another disturbance in the force, and that was the retirement announcement of Valentino Rossi. Now may I take this opportunity to say Thank You "Vale". I have enjoyed watching your skill as a rider and the antics that you brought to the world of Motor Cycle Racing. From the moment you set foot on the big stage you have entertained us all and you came at a time when many were questioning the validity of Grand Prix Motorcycle racing and the boffins were searching for a way to make it more appealing to a wider demographic. But then came Rossi, you have saved Grand Prix Motor Cycle Racing by bringing a style of entertainment not seen before in GP and you have given ever since. Good luck in your future endeavours and thanks for the good times and memories and all you have done for the sport. Even though I have never really backed you for the win, I still recognise what you brought to the sport through your ability, your nature and your generosity and all you have done not just for yourself but also for other riders that may not have gone as far without your assistance. I feel honoured to have witnessed your career and may this be a new beginning.

Grazie Valentino Rossi.

Ciao, and remember *Ducati on Dudes and Dudettes!*



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# Prossimi appuntamenti – Next Events

Here is the latest calendar of CDDC events. See list after the tables for other events. For further information, please contact our Ride Co-Ordinator (contact details at end of Newsletter). Don't forget, on all club rides TUFU applies (turn up fueled up). If you turn up then realise you need fuel and are gonna duck off to get fuel, then tell the ride coordinator.

To stay in touch with club rides, particularly in the Covid affected times we find ourselves in, make sure you check the club website for the latest ride information. Rides can change at short notice and the website is the source of truth for club rides. Set it up in your favorites and with one click you will have the latest info.

CDDC events in August 2021	
<b>Sun 8th</b>	Jugiong for Lunch The idea will be to use as little highway as possible. The ride will head out on Mountain Creek road to Yass, Bowning, Harden and down to Jugiong. The Sir George will be the lunch stop. Depending on time and people's preferences we can look at options for the return trip. Meet at Weston McDonalds – 9.30 for a 10am start.
<b>Mon 9th</b>	CDDC Monthly Meeting 7:30pm at the Harmonie Club, Narrabundah. Meet in the Bier Keller, no corner markers required. Head towards the back of the club and then downstairs. Come early and have dinner and talk bikes with other club members. You're welcome to eat or take drinks into the Keller.
<b>Midweek August</b>	At this stage we don't have a Mid-week ride organized for August – but I am sure we will. Keep an eye on the club website and the August Newsletter for details.
<b>Sun 22nd</b>	The Loaded Dog I'm going to try this one again after cancelling due to uncertain restrictions in early July. A run around some back roads to end up at the Loaded Dog pub, Tarago for lunch. Meet at the Baker at Sutton, 9.30 for a 10 am start

CDDC events in September 2021	
<b>Sun 12th</b>	Goulburn / Crookwell loop We haven't done this ride for some time – not officially anyway. The ride will take in the sights of Goulburn, Taralga and Crookwell. We'll stop for lunch at Gunning before a leisurely ride home. Meet at Gunna Doo Bakery, Bungendore – 9.30 for a 10 am start.
<b>Mon 13th</b>	CDDC Monthly General Meeting 7:30pm @Harmonie Club Narrabundah in the Keller Bar. Meeting starts @ 7.30 – eats from 6:30 for those who want to grab a meal before the meeting.
<b>Midweek September</b>	Mid-week Ride We'll get some details of upcoming mid-week rides up on the website shortly.
<b>Sun 26th</b>	Fish and Chips at the Bay – again The weather should well and truly be on the up by this time and since it was such a hit last time, I figured we'll do it all again. Lunch at the Boatshed in Batemans Bay Meet at Gunna Doo Bakery 10 for 10.30 start.

Note: The event start times & venues are subject to change – make sure you confirm latest event info on the website @ <https://canberradistrictducaticlub.org.au/> The CDDC provides funds for a support vehicle & recovery trailer on sanctioned club rides like the Harrierville, Khancoban runs & Bevels to the Bay run each year. See other comments re the funding of support vehicles & trailer on CDDC club rides in this newsletter.

## Ride/event ideas

If you would like to lead a ride of your choice or have a suggestion for a ride, please email [ridesccdc@gmail.com](mailto:ridesccdc@gmail.com). Aside from these planned rides, I encourage everyone to start events via the club website or Facebook page for casual short rides.

## Weekday Ride

The situation with the Covid Virus is changing on a daily basis, however at this stage it is still within the rules and guidelines to hold our monthly rides as long as social distancing requirements are complied with by members.

# Altre Notizie – other news

## <<. CDDC SUPPORTERS .>>

These are the businesses that support the club through donations, discounts: **Belt & Bevel, Canberra Motorcycle Centre, New Eagle Signs, St John Ambulance ACT & CanPrint.** Many thanks to them and show your appreciation by patronising these businesses.

## **!! IT'S YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO KEEP YOURSELF UP-TO-DATE !!**

Have you moved? Changed your email address? Changed your contact number? Remember, if your contact details change, it's your responsibility to advise the CDDC of your new address. Don't complain if you are a financial member & you are not getting notices or newsletters – you'll find in 101% of cases you've not notified of your change. Also, if you update your member details through your DOC portal, you also need to advise membership. If you have any problems with receiving information, please contact [secretarycddc@gmail.com](mailto:secretarycddc@gmail.com)

## <<. THE BOOK OF YEEND .>>

Hi All,

What a year 2020 has proven to be but the signs were there very early with the passing of long standing member and mate Peter Yeend. That was quite a shock to all of us and this isolating thing has left me with lots of time to think about this unique man and his many "Yeendyisms or "pearls of wisdom" as he called them. It would be a waste to let those pearls die with the man and as I mentioned at our last meeting I would like to put a little booklet together made up of his many sayings and also some tales about him that made him so unique and interesting. It would be about the same size as our constitution and should be carried in all members backpacks. That would really piss him off that instead of the constitution members carried the book of Yeendyisms all about him. To put this together I will need your assistance to help with content, therefore if you have any stories about him or/and remember some of his one liners please send them to me at [my749r@bigpond.com](mailto:my749r@bigpond.com) the more the merrier and remember you will be contributing to really pissing him off big time. Once published it will be sold at a reasonable price with all proceeds returning to the club.

Hope to hear from you soon,  
Taso

## ***Brake Fluid Replacement***

*By Grant Fuller*

With the constant wet weather that we have experienced this year it is important the owners ensure that they change their motorcycles brake and clutch fluids prior to the start of the warm weather that hopefully we will get to see later this year.

Brake fluid is Hygroscopic, meaning it absorbs moisture from the air. This year we have had lots of moisture, so our brake fluid will be full of this moisture.

Manufacturers recommend the fluid is changed every year in spring, but under normal climatic conditions in and around the ACT it is probably ok to change your fluid every 24 months.

I personally do it every year as it is an inexpensive job, that is quick and relatively easy if you set yourself up beforehand.

I bleed the brakes on my SSD a few weeks ago as the fluid was 12 months old. Along with the old fluid being pumped out, 2 small air bubbles were expelled from the front right hand caliper. You could really feel a big difference after the fresh fluid was in the system.

A key point for owners of newer Ducati's to keep in mind. It's critical to change your fluid as seal repair kits are not produced for your late model bike. If you have brake issues with your bike, you could be faced with the very expensive prospect of having to purchase new calipers and/or master cylinders.

***Mid-Winter Ride to the Bay – 18th July***  
*By Craig Evans*

The hardy souls who ventured out.

Rod – Panigirlie V4S  
Dieter – Strudel 950  
Julian – Strudel 1200  
Jeff – Strudel 1200  
Leigh Strudel 1200  
Gaye – 848 Corse  
Mark – Monster  
Terry – 999S  
Rhys – Monster  
Craig – that British thing

I know Julian wrote a nice ride report on FB, but I thought this ride was also newsletter worthy. If you haven't seen the FB report, go and check it out.

Well what can I say – what a difference a month makes. Was it the ramblings of some nutter writing ride reports that prompted people to dust off their bikes or was it the relatively fine weather (even if it was something less than 24.5 degrees). Or was it the prospect of some twisty's on the way to warmer climes and some fresh fish and chips. I think more the latter.

For whatever reason it was, it was great to see more than a few bikes out, and a few fresh faces from outside of the 'usual suspects'. As happy as I was to see the turnout, there was the challenge of having to count into double figures – being an ex-public servant, I am easily challenged.

Once we had coffee'd up the ride headed out to Tarago and down towards the highway before making a left turn for the coast. It was certainly more interesting than just heading straight down the highway. It's a pretty straight forward ride to Braidwood, where we regrouped and picked up our South Coast correspondent on his 999S. From there the real ride started. Not surprisingly given the time of year and various state restrictions the traffic wasn't too bad, and we were able to enjoy the ride down the hill. It was good to see everyone behaving themselves (mostly) and observing the 2 meter rule – gotta stay Covid safe!

Except for the odd pothole, the road was in pretty good nick and in no time at all we were turning right on to the new bridge (well it's new to me). Couldn't help but notice the change in temp as soon as you start coming down the mountain – and it was a balmy 20 something degrees at the bay – a welcome change from the 9 or so degrees at home.

After a relaxing lunch and a bit of a chat it was time to head back up the hill. The ride home was a touch more testing, with a little more traffic and the usual slower traffic up the Clyde, as well as some questionable driving from the odd 4WD. Unfortunately, it is becoming more the norm these days but in the end, it doesn't take too long to work your way past and the relative safety clear of the nutters.

Once past Braidwood the ride home is pretty straightforward with nothing to report, oh, except that the temp was back down to normal (might have to do a few more runs down to the coast?). It was great to see the turnout and enjoy a decent day out on the bike. If you weren't able to make this ride, hopefully you can make the next one.



*The masked avengers about to mount up.*



**1.5 Meters Social Distancing**  
*From Grant Fuller*



If you can't picture what 1.5 meters looks like, It's the wheelbase of a Bevel Twin.

## Round 9 – Motul TT Assen

Most people picked either Quartararo or Vinales for the win with eight of those having both in the mix. Whoever picked Quartararo to win went home with the points. Julian and Ross lead the pack. Enjoy the summer break.



	GEORGE ALAN	TOMO	ROSS	TIM	JOHN NO DOUG	TASO	MARK	JASON	BILL	JULIAN	SARGE	PHILLIP
RD ONE LOSAIL QATAR 28.3.21 12 VINALES, 5 ZARCO, 63 BAGNAIA	1	1	1	5	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	2
RD TWO QATAR 4.4.21 20 QUARTARARO, 5 ZARCO, 89 MARTIN	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	4	2	1	1	1
RD THREE PORTUGAL 18.4.21 20 QUARTARARO, 63 BAGNAIA, 36 MIR	4	0	4	4	3	1	4	2	6	4	4	5
RD FOUR JEREZ 2.5.21 43 MILLER, 63 BAGNAIA, 21 MORBIDELLI	3	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	0	3	0	2
RD FIVE LE MANS 16.5.21 43 MILLER, 5 ZARCO, 20 QUARTARARO	7	5	2	2	5	6	1	5	9	6	2	5
RD SIX MUGELLO 30.5.21 20 QUARTARARO, 88 BOLIVEIRA, 36 MIR	1	4	4	4	0	1	0	1	1	4	1	1
RD SEVEN CATALUNYA 6.6.21 88 OLIVEIRA, 5 ZARCO, 43 MILLER	2	2	2	2	2	3	3	0	3	2	2	2
RD EIGHT SACHSEN RING 20.6.21 93 MARQUEZ, 88 OLIVEIRA, 20 QUARTARARO	2	1	2	4	0	2	2	1	1	2	5	7
RD NINE ASSEN 27.6.21 20 QUARTARARO, 12 VINALES, 36 MIR	2	7	5	7	0	4	4	2	5	2	4	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>20</b>

## ***Covid Proof your Motorcycle***

*By Grant Fuller*

With Australia producing no components to keep our motorcycles on the road, we are at the mercy of imports to keep us going.

We all know that Australia has suffered from lockdowns and restrictions affecting workplaces, but the situation right around the world has been similar or in many cases much worse.

In the past week I have heard stories of replacement car windscreens being on backorder for 3 months, and orders for computers taking up to 4 months to fill. Myself, I have been waiting for nearly 3 months for Pirelli to be able to supply rear tyres as none are currently available in Australia.

The situation with Ducati is even worse with there being no warehouse or stockpile of parts existing in Australia. The only stock of parts that exist is what a Dealer may hold themselves. Ducati supply parts orders to dealers here direct from Bologna via a third party distribution network.

Adding to this is the freight situation, with very few aircraft flying to Australia, and motorcycle spare parts being way down of the list of essential items. Shipping containers are also another contributing factor with a shortage of them in the right locations, and freight charges on them having gone through the roof.

Many manufacturers have parts that have been ordered going nowhere as the freight costs have grown to the point of not making it economically viable to transport the stock. Someone has to bear the additional freight costs.

So, what can we do to Covid proof our motorcycles?

Don't wait until you need consumable parts for your bike. If you do, you may find that your bike is off the road for an extended period of time until the items arrive in Australia, and that's if it ever does at all.

Many manufacturers overseas are working restricted hours, restricted staffing or totally closed. Many will return to normal, but some may never come back at all.

Start to make a list of items on your bike that may need replacing in the near future and start buying or ordering these parts in, so that you have them on hand when needed.

One other thing, support Australian retailers and suppliers. Don't get on line and order from someone overseas. Australia doesn't benefit from this.

## **Bateman's Bay Ride Report** *By Julian Lowe*

What a great day for a ride. After months of almost constant rain, (at least feels like that), the clouds parted and I woke to a beautiful, glorious Canberra winters day.



Rode out to the meeting point at Gunnadoo Bakery in Bungendore for Jacqui-Craig Evans ride to Batemans Bay. A quick coffee, then a sedate ride

via Tarago to Braidwood, slow and steady to take in the views. Well maybe a little spirited....

Did a quick regroup at Braidwood, then set off for the Clyde. We were so lucky, like the clouds parting, the traffic parted, just miraculously moved out of the way, and oh what a lovely ride down those twisties led by Jeff Riddle, Gaye McIntyre, Rodney Hood, Rhys, Terry Riddle sorry if I've forgotten anyone in front.

Some doctors might say too many Twisties are bad for the body, but I'd counter that these twisties were an absolute tonic for the soul. Only one Mr Plod, luckily the brake lights of Rhys Ban and the distant flash of fluoro and throttle off, engine braking, slow down. Got a frantic admonishing wave of the finger but no lights. 😊

Headed into Batemans Bay where we stopped at The Boathouse for some fish and chips and met up with the rest of our flock: Leigh and Mark, again sorry if I've forgotten anyone. Got to say, really good tucker, the Crumbed Grenadier was super tasty.



When I left home it was a fresh 7 degrees, after lunch at the servo before heading up the Clyde it was 24! But knowing that it'll cool down quickly at the top it was better to get a hustle on back up the mountain rather than take off any layers.

A bit more traffic on the way back, some real numpties too, looking at you Mr orange Ute with the trailer and canoes, trying to keep up with a pod of Ducati's through the twisties, while your trailer slid all over the place. There's a lovely room down stairs for special Darwinian award candidates like you.

Had another regroup in Braidwood before all making our way home via Bungendore. Top day, top ride. If you're reading this and not a member of CDDC yet, join us for a ride, come see what we are about.

## Articoli vari – Bits & Pieces

Thanks to Leigh for contributing a link to an article on Ducati's Seventies Child Born in the Eighties: Ducati 750 F1. Read it [HERE](#).



Sarge has sent me a number of emails from Ducati Central, if you would like to get your hands on the info in them please reach out to either one of us and we can forward it to you. Most of them revolve around events in Italy so bear travel restrictions in mind!



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- Saturday and Sunday lunches (wine excluded, having to drive after lunch)
- Museum visit and factory tour of Pagani Automobili and VIP visit of Ferrari Museum in Maranello
- The guided tour to a vinegar factory where the traditional balsamic vinegar of Modena DOP is produced
- VAT and tourist taxes included

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## **DUCATI RESOURCES IN THE ACT/QUEANBEYAN/YASS AREA**



So, you own, or are thinking of owning a Ducati in the ACT/Queanbeyan/Yass area. What resources/support can you access if you do own a Duck or you get a Duck? Set out below is a list of the main sources of bikes, parts, servicing, advice you can call upon.

### **TeamMoto**

<https://www.teammoto.com.au/canberra/>

**30 Ipswich St Fyshwick – (02) 6280 4491**

TeamMoto is the local Ducati dealership. So, for any warranty work it's the only resource. Obviously they also sell parts, official Ducati clothing as well as doing servicing. My experience is Steve in parts is really helpful.

### **Belt & Bevel (B&B)**

<http://beltandbevel.com.au/>

Call **0408 223 069** to speak to **Michael Fuller**

B&B is the place for that hard to find part, both for new & old Dukes. B&B stocks many parts not found anywhere else. As a special exclusive for CDDC members a 10% discount can be accessed but you need to quote the discount code which is currently **CDDC21**.

### **Desmoharmonic**

[desmoharmonic@icloud.com](mailto:desmoharmonic@icloud.com)

**Fyshwick - 0408764374**

Desmoharmonic as in desmodromic is a new service studio owned and operated by **Peter Giles** who many of you may know as he has been specialising in Ducati service here in Canberra since 2001 and has over 25 years' experience with Ducati working at many different dealerships including JHP Ducati Coventry UK. Desmoharmonic can cater for all your service needs on all models post warranty, a tyre service is also available. He too is offering a 10% discount on all parts to club members.

# ■ ■ Arrivederci! ■ ■

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